

December was all about winter weather. We had 5 or 6 minor events. Mostly light snow and freezing rain. The most precipitation fell around Christmas and it was all rain with no icing. I believe our use of sand and salt has been normal and our trucks and equipment have been performing well.

On December 18, 2014, we had our annual DEP inspection of our sewer system. Overall, the results were favorable. There are always areas that need improvement. One area is the flow records from our CSO at Bee's Diner that are monitored by KSTD. We had not received the annual report from KSTD when the inspection was done. It has also been requested that we install a monitoring device in the emergency bypass channel at the main pump station. This will monitor if we bypass to the river and how much. KSTD is in the process of designing this installation and it will be installed as soon as possible, weather permitting.

During the last couple of months, my guys have been helping Pam at the library with her construction project. They have been moving furniture and shelves for her. The contractor appears to be doing an excellent job and they should be done soon.

At the end of December, our long time mechanic, Ron Reny, retired after nearly 44 years of service to the Town of Winslow. We wish Ron a long and healthy retirement. We have since promoted Ryan Bradstreet to the senior mechanic position and are now advertising for a full-time mechanic. Response to our ads has been very low with only one candidate to date. Waterville Public Works is also looking for a mechanic and is having the same response. We may be short-handed until spring when the tech school graduates enter the work force.

Lastly, in your packets, you will find an order for a proposed sewer project. We began experiencing problems on the Augusta Road in November in the area of Whippers Car Wash. Initially, the problem appeared to be sand in the line from the car wash. Further inspection discovered broken pipes and roots. While in the area, we inspected the section from China Road to Matheson. This inspection also uncovered problem areas. Since MDOT is paving Route 201 in 2015 and Summit Gas is also proposing to install gas lines in this area, I am requesting permission to advertise this project this winter for construction this spring ahead of the other projects.

Respectfully Submitted by,

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